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Maintaining the edge: 908th aircrews continue quest to gain the upper hand in combat; night vision goggles airland training helps them own the night

By Jeff Melvin
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Since scrawny "Ug," the caveman, picked up a rock, clocked his brawny but not quite as brainy neighbor and walked away with the babe and the last barbecue, combatants have always searched for that something extra, that edge that separates the victor from the vanquished.

For U.S. military forces that edge has often been training and technology. The latest technology being used to gain the upper hand on the battlefield is night vision. 908th aircrews are joining an increasing number of U.S. military units, most notably special operations forces, who train to own the night.

After nearly a year of honing night time airdrops skills while wearing night vision goggles, in late-October wing air-

crews moved to the next phase, airland training.

In a nutshell, an enemy can't hit, what it can't see. Airland training, 357th Airlift Squadron director of operations Lt. Col. Karl Schmitkons said, simulates "where we go in, do an approach to an airfield, land on NVG, on or offload cargo or troops and take off again doing everything while wearing NVGs so we can keep our lighting to a minimum or eliminate the light altogether. This enhances our security with operations in and around that airfield because it makes it harder for a would be attacker to pinpoint the airplane."

All the aircrews (pilots, navigators, flight engineers and loadmasters) are undergoing NVG airland training. A crew from the 302nd Airlift Wing,

Peterson AFB, Colo., came to Maxwell for a week and trained an initial
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Photo by Jeff Melvin

C-130H loadmaster Master Sgt. James Rickels calibrates his night vision goggles for proper fit and sight. The test must be done in a darkened room. Life support technicians remain nearby to assist.



"It's a green world."

Enjoy holidays, expect hyperactivity to continue



By Col. James Stewart
908th Airlift Wing commander

The Christmas and New Year's holidays are almost here. I hope each member of the 908th has a wonderful holiday season.

2002 has been a busy year. We've consistently had 80-90 people deployed during this period. I'd like to personally thank all those who've been deployed as well as all the people who supported them.

As we look to 2003, it appears the coming year will be even busier. The first scheduled event on

the docket for the New Year will be our support of Operation Joint Forge. As for possible "unscheduled" activity, I don't know any more than you do...but recommend enjoying your holidays...and "keep getting your powder dry" just in case.

As a reminder, safety is always a major issue, particularly at this time of year. Remember to use proper safety precautions while travelling during the holidays. I want all of you back alive and well in January.

As we count our blessings during this holiday season, it is important to remember those people who are not as fortunate as us. If you would like to spread some holiday cheer, there will be ample opportunities to contribute to the food baskets etc. in each squadron. Please consider these options.

Finally, Kristi and I wish everyone in the 908th family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



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This is a month of goodness, giving, blessings, reflections



By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bob Anders
908th Airlift Wing senior chaplain

December is a time for decorations on a tree. My, isn't it beautiful. December is a time for having lots of parties. My, aren't they fun. December is a time for getting together with friends and family. My, isn't it good to see them all again. December is a time for the giving of gifts. My, isn't it great to surprise someone.

December is a time for reflection about the year that has passed, and every-

thing that it brought. My, haven't we been blessed beyond what we could ever have imagined. December is a time for thinking about those around us who may not have as much as we do. My, wouldn't it be just super if we could open our hearts and share with others from the abundance that we have received.

December is a time when many of our own will be away from those that they love and hold dear. My,

wouldn't it be great if we could send a word of encouragement to them.

So, we have this month. This month of beauty and goodness and giving and excitement and blessings and reflection. I just know that you are going to do something for someone else that is going to be wonderful. And when that happens, I am not going to be one bit surprised, for I have come to know that this is a part of who you are.

Don't poison well -- keep employer informed, be responsible

By Maj. Jerry Lobb
908th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

For several years I've been the wing representative on the state committee for the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve. Until the past year this additional duty hasn't taken much time. However, in the past year the number of employer complaints has risen dramatically.

Some complaints were resolved with cordial conversations. A few cases though have defied attempts at resolution by myself, Colonel Stewart, the state Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Ombudsman, and the U.S. Department of Labor.

In some of the complaints I've received, it ap-

pears some of our reservists have been less than open and honest with their employers! Some have volunteered for duty to avoid problems with supervisors. Others are alleged to have not reported promptly following the end of manday tours.

I'll go to the mat to help those who are responsible and fair with their employers. But there's not much anyone can do if you go past the protections outlined in the Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act, (go to <http://esgr.org/> for a copy of the law and additional information).

Employers and supervisors are watching the news. Just like you, they've heard the rumors of major call-

ups, activations and mobilizations. They may be worrying about covering the gaps while you and the other Reservists and Guardsmen in your organization are gone.

PLEASE! Be candid with your employer. Be flexible and work with them as much as possible when volunteering for mandays and extra training opportunities. If your employer is short staffed, and has asked you to reduce your reserve participation for a while to get past a short-term crisis, work with them.

Your goal should be to build up a reservoir of good will with your supervisor/employer, so when you can't avoid going to a class or deploying, they will still think well of you.

While your commanders need and appreciate your support in volunteering for missions, they also understand the need to balance mission requirements with your need to maintain a positive relationship with your employer.

I ask commanders and supervisors to keep a watch on their members who have jobs, but spend more time in uniform than they'd accept if they were the person's civilian supervisor. Make sure we are not poisoning that employer against hiring Reservists and Guardsmen in the future.

Our ability to recruit and retain people in the future depends on how well we manage employer/reservist relationships today.

Spend precious time with family, friends, but be safe



By Lt. Col. Richard Gilchrist,
908th Airlift Wing, Chief of Safety

First of all congratulations to everyone! So far we've had an outstanding year with respect to safety.

We made it through the "101 critical days of summer" (Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day) without a serious

blemish. We have had many large unit deployments, family day, night vision goggles training, and, of course, activations all done very safely.

This is directly attributable to the outstanding people that comprise the 908th and the meticulous way we do our jobs. Thank you for a job well done!

However, the holidays are upon us - the second most mishap prone time of the year - Thanksgiving through New Years.

With all the hustle and bustle of the season and other world events it's easy to be distracted - particularly when traveling in the car.

Many of us will be in a hurry visiting family and

friends - driving long distances. Please have adequate rest before beginning that trip and stop periodically to take a break - get out of the car and stretch so you can stay alert.

And I know being the professionals we are that everyone is cognizant of the consequences of drinking and driving.

When entertaining please remember to be a 'responsible host.' Be conservative when serving alcohol - offer an alternative and serve plenty of food. If someone seems impaired offer them a ride home. You owe it to your friends and relatives.

On that same note, with all the unit parties

we'll have UTA weekend - if you are serving alcohol please have a well publicized designated driver. Be responsible for your people.

The safety staff will be on call 24 hours that weekend from Friday until Sunday for anyone that needs a ride. You may call 207-1916, 888-882-6179, or 430-9085.

Turning to the subject of seatbelts -- we can improve! The November UTA survey results showed 86 percent usage - not good. The September and October results were even lower. It should be 100 percent in accordance with Air Force regulations and Alabama state law requirements.

On the personnel front, please welcome aboard our new Flight Safety and Operational Risk Management Officer, Maj. Michael Culjak. Mike is an instructor pilot and comes to us from the flight operations side of the house. He has extensive experience having been an active duty FSO and ORM facilitator. A former Marine, Mike is a warrior and will make things happen.

In closing, please have a merry and joyous holiday season. Spend precious time with your families and friends. And from your safety office - "happy holidays" - see you all next January.

Threat, tour length determine need for anthrax vaccination

Most reservists can expect to keep sleeves rolled down

By Kenny Pruitt
Air Force Reserve Command Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. -- Unless deployed to a high-threat area for more than 15 days, most Air Force reservists can expect to keep their sleeves rolled down, that's the word the Air Force put out in October when it distributed its anthrax implementation plan to commanders.

In a June 28 memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul D. Wolfowitz said active-duty people and emergency-essential DOD civilians, as well as members of reserve compo-

nents who are deployed for more than 15 days to high-threat areas will be immunized.

In early 1998, BioPort, the only company making the vaccine, closed its facility for renovation. With the halt in production, supplies of the vaccine dwindled, and by 2000 the military had extensively slowed its vaccination program.

"It is important that all people whose duties are essential to mission-critical capabilities are vaccinated against anthrax for their personal protection and for success of the military mission," said Chief Master Sgt. Susan Glenn, individual mobilization augmentee to the director of medicine in the Pentagon's Office of the Air Force Reserve. "Immunizations will begin with designated special mission units and people involved in research and

anthrax vaccine manufacturing."

U.S. intelligence agencies are keeping track of the locations where anthrax could or would be used as a biological war. Vaccinations will be mandatory for people in those high-threat areas if they are there for more than 15 consecutive days, except for those medically or administratively exempt, Glenn said.

Higher-threat areas include countries primarily in Southwest Asia, said Maj. Linda Bonnel of the Air Force Medical Operations Agency.

Full immunization with anthrax vaccine requires six doses administered over 18 months to complete the primary series. After the initial dose, shots are given at 2 weeks, 4 weeks, 6 months, 12 months, and 18 months.

"There is no minimum number of shots required

before deploying. Depending on the amount of time from notification to actual deployment, members would receive as many shots as possible," Glenn said. "Vaccine is or will be available at all forward deployed locations."

As for reservists who previously received vaccinations but didn't complete the series, Glenn said they will resume the immunization with the next shot in the series. For example, if a member received shot No. 3 in January 1999, the individual will continue the series with shot No. 4.

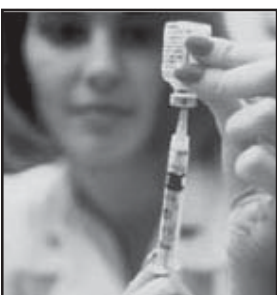
"If approved by their commander, an administrative exemption may be applicable for those retiring or separating within 180 days," Glenn said. "The exemption will not apply to personnel who the commander determines will receive the vaccine because of over-



riding mission requirements."

When reservists separate from the military before completion of the anthrax vaccine series, their vaccinations will cease. However, if recalled to military service, people who have not completed the vaccination series will continue the schedule with administration of the next dose in the series or booster.

Since the beginning of the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program in March 1998, DOD has vaccinated more than 525,000 people with more than 2.1 million doses of anthrax vaccine. (AFRC News Service)



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cadre of 908th instructors who, in turn, are training the remaining aircrews.

Feedback from the aircrews regarding the training is consistently positive, with almost all citing familiarity as the key to mastering night vision use.

The best way or a humorous way to describe NVG training, Schmitkons said, is "we're doing the same things we've been doing for the last umpteen years, except now we can see what we're doing, particularly the airdrops. We fly the same routes, use the same procedures, except now you can see the turn points, the terrain details, etc. And the same goes for the airland portion. Your field of view is restricted to 40 degrees opposed to the normal 180, so it's like looking through a tunnel, but within that tunnel you can see much greater detail at night even with no lights."

Capt. Jeremy Mickelson, 357th AS pilot scheduler, and Maj. Jeffrey Spencer, 908th Operations Group, chief, standardization/evaluation, who received training from the 302nd instructors and are teaching their fellow aircrews, echoed Schmitkons remarks.

The landings aren't any harder, they said, but they're having to relearn procedures and that's probably the most difficult task for the crews.

"Most are pretty excited about it. Not sure they'd call it fun but it gives them a sense of satisfaction/accomplishment of getting one more qualification under their belts," Spencer said.

Imagine going down the highway, shutting off

the lights and it's pitch black and you can see everyone else but they can't see you, that roughly equates to the NVG experience, Mickelson said.

"It's a green world. Everything's different. It's a lot of fun. It's a challenge because of the change in procedures and because you're looking through a tiny toilet paper tube."

This smaller field of view is the biggest change, Spencer said. The solution is to continuously scan from side to side.

"It's an adjustment, and once we get the adjustment down we'll do well; but we're demanding more of the crew as a whole because we're having to have more inputs from say the navigator or engineer to fly safely. ...What we're doing now is more of a group concept; but it's fun and we're coming along," Spencer added.

The new equipment has another side effect — increased workload for Life Support technicians, the people primarily responsible for maintaining the NVGs.

"It's a lot of hard work", said Staff Sgt. Mike Epps, who says he and his fellow life support technicians must check the NVGs every 90 and 180 days.

"The aircrews say great things about them. They're very dependable; we don't have many problems with them. Maintaining them isn't necessarily difficult, just time-consuming. Particularly, since they must be examined and realigned every time they (the aircrews) touch them," Epps said.

None of this has dimmed the aircrew's enthusiasm for NVG

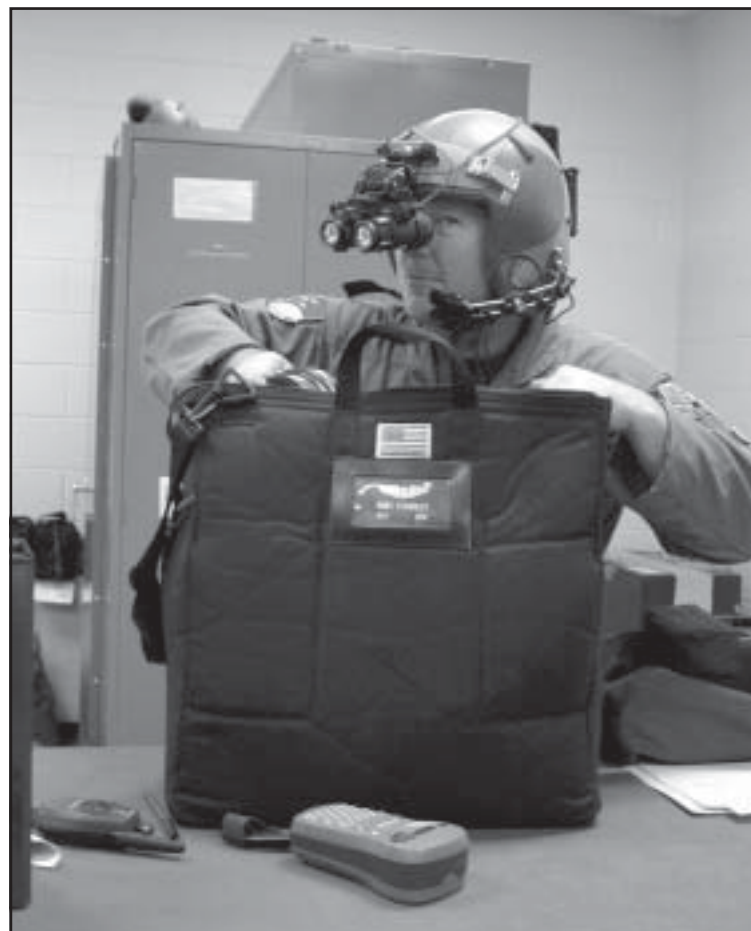


Flight engineer Master Sgt. Ken Eddy, right, gets ready to inspect a pair of opera-style NVGs prior to a training mission.

airland training, however. NVGs get a near unanimous thumbs up throughout the unit. Many like loadmaster Master Sgt. James Rickels say they wish they had received them sooner.

"I don't know why we didn't do this before now when it enhances your flying skills, the way we do business so much more. We started NVG airdrops nearly a year ago which helps us in combat so the bad guys can't see. Now we've moved to the airland training so we can get in if we can't airdrop. If we have to we can land blacked out anywhere and operate in an austere environment with no lights as a whole crew along with the ground people. This is something good that we're finally getting. It's going to be more requirements on us to keep everybody current qualified, but now that we've been doing it for awhile it's second nature."

Spencer said, "It gives us a edge that hopefully the enemy won't have. It's safer for the people



Photos by Jeff Melvin

Loadmaster Master Sgt. Standley performs an operational check on his helmet-mounted NVGs.

on the ground since they can operate without lights which makes them less of a target. And it's not just us that has the edge, it's also the army or air force that we support."

Mickelson cited another benefit, more unit cohesion and camarade-

rie. "It takes the whole crew to make it happen. We're putting in some long nights, we're working hard to come together and share the burden of the airplane and make the mission happen. And it makes us closer on the ground."

Troops to Teachers program available to reservists

By Maj. Hal Abbenhaus
education specialist in Pensacola,
Fla.

WASHINGTON — The worst teacher shortage ever is now approaching, according to figures compiled by the National Education Association. Reserve component personnel can help alleviate the problem.

In January 2002, the Troops to Teachers program expanded to include reservists. Under the program, the U.S. Department of Education and the Defense Department team up to help qualified service members transition from the military to teaching careers.

The Troops to Teachers program is designed to recruit quality teachers for schools serving low-income families and to relieve teacher shortages.

The program began in 1994 and since its incep-

tion has provided monetary and guidance support to qualified active duty service members.

Reservists who wish to participate in the program must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution or have one year of college with six years experience in a vocational or technical field.

Reservists qualify under four different options:

- ◆ Retired from the drilling reserve, such as Air Force Reserve Command, with 20 or more years on or after Oct. 1, 1999; must apply for the program within four years of retirement

- ◆ Now serving in the drilling reserve with 10 or more years of creditable service and commit to serving an additional three years or until eligible for retirement.

- ◆ Retired or sepa-

rated from the drilling reserve due to a physical disability on or after Jan. 8, 2002; must apply within four years of separation.

- ◆ Transitioning from active duty on or after Jan. 8, 2002, with six or more years of active duty immediately prior to separation and a commitment to serve three years with a drilling reserve unit; must apply within four years of separation.

Pending availability of funds, eligible individuals may receive up to \$5,000 to offset teacher certification expenses and an additional \$5,000 bonus if they teach in a school serving a high percentage of students from low-income families.

Schools around the country will need some 2.4 million teachers in the next 11 years because of teachers retiring, teachers leaving the

classrooms and increased student enrollment. The NEA said the need will be most acute in bilingual and special education positions, mathematics, sciences, computer science, and English-as-a-second-language and foreign language specialists.

In high-poverty urban and rural districts alone, more than 700,000 new teachers will be needed in the next 10 years. About 42 percent of all public schools in the United States have no minority teachers. The percentage of minority teachers is expected to shrink to an all-time low of 5 percent, while 41 percent of American students will be minorities.

More than 4,000 Troops to Teachers participants have been hired since the program began.

People interested in continuing to serve their country and discovering

a new and rewarding career in teaching can access the Troops to Teachers web site, www.ProudToServeAgain.com, for more information. The site provides the latest updates on the program, resource links for program applicants and important links to state-specific education sites. (AFRC News Service)

UPS gets first official employer 'Thank You'

By Tech. Sgt. Scott Elliott
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON -- Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper presented the first "E" pin to United Parcel Service Nov. 8 to officially begin the Air Force's "Your Guardians of Freedom" program.

The award and ceremony marked the launch of more than 59,000 letters of appreciation and E pins from Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche and Jumper to employers of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members.

The E pin is a lapel pin emblazoned with the letter "E" cradled within the Air Force symbol, representing the employer-Air Force partnership in defense of the nation.

Jumper presented the E pin to Rick Barr, UPS vice president of flight operations, in recognition of the company's singular support to both the air reserve component and to the Air Force.

Brig. Gen. Ed Tonini, director of the Air Force's Your Guardians of Freedom effort, praised UPS' support to the nation. "They're the clear and distinct leader in exceptional support of airmen and their generous support of the Air Force," he said.

According to UPS, 36 of its pilots have been called to active duty in support of operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, and 27 others have participated in deployments of 30 to 120 days. In all, about 470 of the company's employees are on active duty.

The company has continued to provide benefits to those employees while they served the military and, in cases where military pay was less than the employee's normal salary, voluntarily made up the difference.



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

A War Eagle returns to the roost

908AW Commander Col. James N. Stewart speaks to Air Force ROTC cadets at his alma mater, Auburn University, during a Career Day session Nov. 14. Stewart was accompanied by 357AS pilot 1st Lt. Jonathan Shaffer, Lt. Col. Richard Gilchrist, a navigator as well as 908AW chief of safety, and Maj. Jerry Lobb, 908AW public affairs officer. The four spoke to groups of cadets about career options available with the Air Force Reserve.

2003 defense bill features nearly \$3.4 billion for Air Force Reserve



Photo by Maj. Jerry Lobb

Making the grade

908AW Commander Col. James N. Stewart administers the oath to newly appointed Chief Master Sgts. Reynold P. Cecchi, center, and Amos E. Moore during their chief induction ceremony Nov. 3 at the 25APS hangar. Cecchi is 25APS' superintendent of transportation. Moore, formerly 25APS' chief of port operations, is the 908AW's command chief master sergeant.

WASHINGTON — Air Force Reserve Command is getting \$3.4 billion to operate and man the air reserve component, a \$300 million increase compared to last year.

President George W. Bush signed the fiscal year 2003 Department of Defense Appropriations Act into law Oct. 23 during a White House ceremony. The bill allocates \$355 billion to all of DOD, \$37 billion more than last year.

During the ceremony, the president also signed the \$10.5 billion FY 2003 Military Construction Appropriations Act, which includes \$67.2 million for AFRC programs.

The president noted the security of the American people is the first commitment of the American government. "Our nation faces grave new dangers, and our nation must fully support the men and women of our military who con-

front these dangers on our behalf," Bush said.

"We owe them every resource, every weapon and every tool they need to fulfill their missions," he said. "The best military in the world must have every advantage required to defend the peace of the world."

AFRC appropriations for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2003, permits a Selected Reserve end strength of 75,600 — 61,196 drilling reservists, 12,906 individual mobilization augmentees, and a full-time Active Guard and Reserve cadre of 1,498 members. Last year the command received funding for an end strength of 74,700, which included 1,437 AGRs.

This year's Defense Appropriations Act calls for a full-time air reserve technician force of 9,911, an increase of 93 ARTs compared to last year.

Under the reserve personnel appropria-

tion, the Air Force Reserve receives nearly \$1.2 billion to cover pay, allowances, clothing, subsistence, travel and other related expenses. This year's RPA funds a pay hike of 4.1 percent for military personnel. Last year's RPA budget called for \$1.061 billion for the Reserve.

Another \$2.2 billion goes to operation and maintenance funding to train, organize and administer the command this year. O&M funds pay for flying hours, depot maintenance, repair of facilities and equipment, travel and transportation, civilian pay, recruiting, and communication, as well as procurement of services, supplies and equipment. Last year the command got an O&M budget of \$2.005 billion.

Although funded for in a separate account, the Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard are to get \$12.5

million for Guard and Reserve equipment. This funding was not included in the president's budget proposal for FY 2003.

The Defense and Military Construction Appropriations Acts provide the funds to carry out programs, but the National Defense Authorization Act allows DOD to spend the money. As of Oct. 23, the president had not signed the FY 2003 NDAA.

Congress adjusted AFRC funding recommended in the President's Budget proposal for FY 2003. The president had proposed \$3.434 billion to run AFRC and \$31.9 million for its MILCON program. After making funding realignment offsets, Congress deducted \$7 million from the RPA account and \$28.8 million from O&M funding but added \$35.3 million to MILCON spending. (AFRC News Service)

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vice member's pay. Coverage is for 24 hours per day, 365 days a year. SGLI may be converted upon release from active duty, active duty for training, initial active duty for training (IDT), or upon separation from the Ready Reserve, to VGLI (Veterans Group Life Insurance) or to a commercial life insurance policy effective at the end of the 120-day SGLI extension period.

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35-44	\$.13	\$13
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50-54	\$.32	\$32
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For more information about SGLI, visit the web site or contact Staff Sgt. A. Dimitri Jefferies, NCOIC, customer service, 908MSS at 953-5522.

December UTA Schedule

<u>Time</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location/OPR</u>
<u>Friday, Dec. 6, 2002</u>			
1630	1900	Commanders' Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room

<u>Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002</u>			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers' Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0800	1100	Lab Work/DNA/HIV/Blood Testing	Bldg. 760/Lab
0800	0830	Newcomers' Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
0820	1500	Physicals	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1030	Shots (except Yellow Fever)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1200	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0930	1000	TDY/PCS OutProcessing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 111, DPMSA
1030	1130	First Sergeants' Meeting	Golf Course Snack Bar
1230	1530	CDC Testing (Course 5 - SNCOA CD Rom Only)	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMT
1300	1500	Newcomers' MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
1300	1630	NBC Defense Training (R)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
1330	1400	Fitness for Duty (Must have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
1500	1630	Gas Mask Issue	Bldg. 848/Center Bay
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

<u>Sunday, Dec. 8, 2002</u>			
0630	0700	Sign in	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0700	0830	Commander's Call	SOC, Bldg. 1403, Polifka Auditorium
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
0730	1130	NBC Defense Training (R)	Bldg. 1154/Rm 119
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up/Joint Inspection	25 APS (Various locations)
0830	0900	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD Form 689)	Bldg. 711/Records Room
0900	1500	Units at Range M-9 (Firing/Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS/Combat Arms
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/25 APS
1000	1030	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 848/Classroom/COMF
1000	1100	Career Advisors Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1130	1230	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Cmd Post/CAT Rm/CC
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office
1300	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1400	1500	HRDC	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1400	1500	Chiefs Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief's Office
1430	1500	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1055/Classroom 2/CES
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule			
<u>Activity</u>	<u>Dates & hours of operation</u>		<u>Location/Ext.</u>
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630 Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-5522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100; 1200-1600	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/3-6722
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/3-5714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/3-6020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/3-7505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sat, 0800-1200	Bldg. 84/3-4283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/3-5127
	1100-1300	1100-1300	
	1600-1830	1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations (lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)			Bldg. 1573/3-2401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/3-7981

FY 03 UTA Dates

Jan. 11-12, 03; Feb. 8-9, 03; March 8-9, 03; April 5-6, 03;
May 3-4, 03; June 7-8, 03; July 12-13, 03; Aug. 9-10, 03; Sept. 6-7, 03

December UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit's authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the "#" sign. (PIN is available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * **The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.**

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Master Sgt. Byron Godwin at:
Commercial: (334) 953-7332
DSN: 493-7332
E-mail: byron.godwin@maxwell.af.mil
Emergency cell: (334) 301-3476

Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the December UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift
UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1800 local
Depart Aurora at 1830 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:
Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Aurora at 1830 local
Depart Aurora at 1845 local
Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift
UTA pick-up schedule Friday:
Depart Maxwell at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1915 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1845 local
Depart Huntsville at 1915 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1945 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:
Depart Maxwell at 1600 local
Arrive Huntsville at 1645 local
Depart Huntsville at 1700 local
Arrive Dobbins at 1845 local
Depart Dobbins at 1900 local
Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people:

Promotions

...to Chief Master Sgt.
Reynold P. Cecchi,
25APS
Amos E. Moore,
908AW
...to Senior Master Sgt.
Margaret L. Prestridge, LRS
Christopher A. Williams, 25APS
...to Master Sgt.
James E. Parten Jr.,
MXS
Teresa L. Stone,
ASTS
...to Tech. Sgt.
James D. Crowley Jr., LSS
Walter K. Maddox, MXS
Philip T. Malone, MXS

Mark R. Simmons, SFS
...to Staff Sgt.
Tobora L. Bennett, LSS
Jamar D. Brooks, MXS
John D. Dennis, LSS
William R. Fletcher II, 908AW
Orenthia C. Herren, ASTS
Pamela L. Walker, SFS
...to Senior Airman
Casey T. Benton, MXS
Keith Daniels, 25APS
Adewole Doherty, ASTS
Alexey Fefelov, MXS
Toccara V. Hunter, LSS

Anthony D. Maxey Jr., CES
Sonya F. Myers, 25APS
Victor Senegar Jr., MXS
Markiba L. Smith, MXS
Sacedric P. Smith, 25APS
Schuyler D. Smith, 25APS
Josephus D. Wilkins, 25APS
...to Airman
Dwayne J. Guice, MXS
Tamisha L. Harris, 25APS
Richard K. Howard, SFS
Damion R. Howell, MSS
Jessica L. Owens, CES

Award winners announced

NCO of the Quarter, Staff Sgt. Calvin McGee, 25APS
SNCO of the Quarter, Senior Master Sgt. George Edwards, 25APS
Airman of the Quarter, Senior Airman Anita Atkinson, 908MSS

Council meets in January

The next Human Resource Development Council meeting is scheduled for Saturday Jan. 11, 2003 at 1 p.m. in the Wing Commander's Conference Room; Bldg 1056.

Christmas Clearinghouse

The 908th Airlift Wing First Sergeants are collecting monetary donations, non-perishable food items, toys and clothing until sign out of the Saturday UTA, Dec. 7.

All donations will be given to 908th members who are in need during this holiday season.

Food service hours change

Responding to concerns voiced by wing members, AAFES will change several food service operating hours on drill weekends.

Saturday of drill weekends, Burger King will now open at 6:30 a.m.; Manhattan Bagels will

open at 9 a.m. and Robin Hood and Anthony's Pizza will open at 10:30 a.m.

Sundays, Burger King will open at 9 a.m. with the lunch menu (burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, etc.); Manhattan Bagels will open at 9 a.m. and Robin Hood and Anthony's Pizza will open at 10:30 a.m.

"This looks like a win-win for both AAFES and the 908th folks. We are proud to be able to provide better service to them, and if any units want to have meetings or gatherings at BK on Sunday a.m., please show up. And if folks are coming to the BX Food Court, we'll be ready to serve them

at 10:25," said Bill Sisk, general manager of the AAFES group at Maxwell.

Intel positions available

908OSF is interviewing for both officer and NCO positions in the exciting and demanding Intel career field.

If you are interested in cross-training and would like more information please contact Tech. Sgt. Mo Guffey at 3-6361 or Lt. Col. Griffith at 3-6710. The ability to hold a Top Secret clearance is required and the tech school training is 6 months for NCOs and 7-8 months for officers.



Happy holidays to the entire 908th family

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